GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
URBAN DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:350
ANSWERED ON:19.04.2005
DEVELOPMENT OF CITIES /TOWNS
Chaure Shri Bapu Hari;Singh Shri Sugrib

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has received proposals from some State Governments for the development of cities/towns including capital cities for development under the Integrated Development of Small and Medium Towns Programme during each of the last three years and thereafter;

(b) if so, the State-wise details thereof;

(c) the criteria for inclusion of cities and towns under the programme;

(d) the funds allocated to the States during the said period for each of such cities/towns; and

(e) the time by which the pending list of cities/towns are likely to be covered under the programme?

Answer

MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD)

(a)to(e): A Statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

STATEMENT

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 350 FOR 19.4.2005 REGARDING DEVELOPMENT OF CITIES/TOWNS.

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b): Under the Scheme of Integrated Development of Small and Medium Towns (IDSMT), 875 proposals (ongoing and new towns) from various State Governments were received during the last three years. Town-wise details of proposals received are given in the Annexure. During 2005-06, no proposal under the IDSMT Scheme has been received from any State/UT so far.

(c): As per the guidelines of IDSMT Scheme, the criteria for inclusion of towns are:

i) It should have population upto 5 lakh, as per 1991 Census.

ii) It should be identified and prioritized by the State Government/Union Territory Administration as per guidelines of the Scheme.

iii) It should have an elected body in position.

iv) It should have potential for development as a regional growth centre . Preference is given to headquarters of districts, followed by mandi towns and industrial growth centres, tourist places, pilgrim centres, etc.

(d): Town-wise details of Central assistance released to various States during each of the last three years is given in the Annexure. No Central assistance has been released during the current financial year (2005-06).

(e): There is a proposal to set up a National Urban Renewal Mission (NURM) and formulate a new scheme known a s Urban Infrastructure Development Scheme for Small and Medium Towns (UIDSSMT) for infrastructure development and provision of basic services in cities/town. The existing IDSMT Scheme will be subsumed in NURM and UIDSSMT. Accordingly, new projects will be covered under NURM or UIDSSMT, after these Schemes are approved by the Government of India. Ongoing projects/towns covered under IDSMT shall continue to be provided central assistance, as per the existing scheme.